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## OUR GOLD FIELDS.

English Expert's Idea of  
Why This Region is Not  
More Remunerative.

## AN ECONOMICAL MANAGEMENT.

THAT IS WHAT IS REQUIRED BY THE  
LAKE OF THE WOODS  
DISTRICT.

In The London, Eng., Mining Journal, Mr. Frank H. Probert, A.R.S.M., writes as follows:

About three years ago I was sent out to examine and report upon the Northwest Ontario gold field, and more especially the Lake of the Woods district. During my visit I closely studied the geological formation and ore deposits, and embodied the result of my work in a paper read before the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy on March 28, 1900, entitled, "Notes on the Lake of the Woods District." I am of the opinion that as soon as the attention of capitalists and mining men is drawn to the district, which has such facilities for the treatment of low-grade ores, it will rapidly become a great producer of the precious metal. The gold field covers an area of about

20,000 square miles. Rat Portage is the business centre, a town to the northeast of the Lake of the Woods, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, about 133 miles to the west of Winnipeg. From this town access to the many mining localities can be had by steamer during the summer months, and by sleigh when the lake is frozen over. Living is not expensive, and the accommodation is good. There is sufficient water power to supply the whole district with electric energy, and it would require only a comparatively small outlay to transform the power now running away into motive power for the many industries which are springing up.

The geological relations of the two main classes of Archean rocks met with in the district are very difficult to follow, and want of space prevents me from describing the most characteristic features. The gold deposits occur in one or other of the following forms: Fissure veins, lenticular gush veins, contact veins and porphyritic or fault dykes. The latter are common near the junction of the Keewatin and Laurentian rocks. The gush veins seem to have given the best returns as far as present development work goes, but the field is only in its infancy, and probably systematic development, under the guidance of competent engineers, would prove the other types to be equally productive. The whole area is a network of lodes, showing that in prehistoric times violent volcanic disturbances occurred, contorting the strata and fissuring the rocks in all directions. The infilling of these fissures varies considerably both in the nature of the quartz and the min-

erals accompanying the gold. None of the ores are high-grade, patches of rich stuff are found occasionally, but the distribution of the gold is, in the auriferous lodes, very regular.

A particularly good feature in connection with this field is the opportunity afforded to mining men of having trial runs made of their ores at one or other of the reduction works in Rat Portage. There are two well equipped custom mills, one at Keewatin and the other at Rat Portage Bay. The companies are prepared to buy outright or treat ores at a cost proportional to the assay value. I have given elsewhere a detailed account of the plant at Keewatin, and hearing on good authority that many recent improvements have taken place, this mill ought to be a great boon to companies working in this field.

What is the essential for the future of this district is careful, competent and economical management. Unfortunately there are many prospectors who having staked out their claim are so confident that they have got a bonanza that they ask prices too ridiculous for comment. If working options for periods of six or twelve months were given, and the development work put into hands of skilled men, much good would be done for all concerned, and each property that is thoroughly investigated helps to make or mar the district. During my visit I saw several instances of unscientific work being carried out under the guidance of men absolutely unfitted for the task set them. Given qualified managers, skilled miners and a reasonable working capital, I venture to say with the secretary of the Central Canada Chamber of Mines that the gold field will in the near future become one of the most important industries of the Dominion, and a great factor in her future prosperity.

then began to force things a little and the Winnipeg goalkeeper was having a hot time, while poor Fred was almost freezing. For two minutes there was hard fighting in Winnipeg territory and it finally resulted in a score for the home team.

After this the play became slow, the home team not exerting itself, and 7 minutes expired ere McGinisie scored the ninth and last goal.

The Winnipeg team did not play combination much and their individual work was very weak. Their goalkeeper was a good one, but did not clear his goal quick enough. Their point was a good lifter and played well during some parts of the game. Mundie, their cover point, was the star of the team and the only one that could be relied upon.

For the home team it would be hard to say who the stars were as all the players showed up in good form. The defence was very strong. Johnson and Phillips both checked and lifted better than usual. Phillips playing his position well. Fred in goal one would imagine bullet proof. He stops them all, and clears his territory.

The forwards played a good steady combination game and deserve credit for their improvement since the Carberry match. They are all good speedy skaters and when they once get the lead on their opponents it invariably means a score.

Fred Bole, of Winnipeg acted as referee, and performed his task impartially and well.

The games were scored as follows:

Goal.	Team.	Time.
1	Rat Portage	2 min
2	Rat Portage	3 min
4	Rat Portage	11 min
4	Rat Portage	2 min
5	Rat Portage	3 min
6	Rat Portage	4 min
7	Rat Portage	2 min
	Second Half	
8	Rat Portage	10 min
9	Rat Portage	7 min

### NOTES.

The best win of the season.

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What's the matter with the Thistles? They're alright.

Vice will have a hard time to win from Thistles.

Our forwards are crackerjacks so's our point and cover point - an' goalkeeper.

## A MALICIOUS CRITICISM

The Canadian Mining Review  
vents its Spleen on West-  
ern Ontario.

In the January number of the Canadian Mining Review is a characteristic article presumably by the editor, entitled, "Some features of Canadian Mining in 1900." This article purports to be a sort of review of Canadian Canadian mining affairs during the year, with special reference to the mines of Western Ontario. With regard to this section a good deal of the Review's criticisms are justifiable, but at the same time they are altogether too sweeping in character. A large portion of the depression which prevails today may be attributable to bad management, but the instances the editor of the Review cites to prove his case only serve to show his ignorance of the facts, which ignorance, however, does not prevent him from having a great deal to say. The article is too long to quote in full, nor would the readers of THE MINER care to read it if quoted. A reference to the Sultana mine reads as follows:

"Since the transfer of the Sultana mine to a London corporation about eighteen months ago, this property has been travelling fast upon a downhill road."

This statement must be characterized as wilfully malicious, as it is evident that the Review cannot possibly be in possession of the facts in the case. As a matter of fact the Sultana never looked so well as it does today, and we have the authorization of the management to make the following statement:

More development work has been done during the past year than during the whole previous history of the mine. The company took hold of a practically exhausted mine and has confined itself to a strictly developing policy, milling only the ore won during development. This policy of course has reduced the production of bullion, but the mine has now very large reserves of ore, and is in a position to

mining and incompetent management, and the Review has a perfect right to criticize these features which are by no means confined to Western Ontario, but we deny the right of the Review to assume that all the brains of the mining world center in Ottawa, or that the Lake of the Woods has become a "lughing stock." We predict for the coming summer that the production of gold in Western Ontario will be doubled and that more substantial work will be done on the Lake of the Woods than ever before.

## THE CHAMBER OF MINES

A Hostile Criticism from the  
Canadian Mining  
Institute.

To the Editor of The Miner:

Sir,—By direction of the council of this institute I beg to append copy of a resolution unanimously passed at a meeting of our board held in Montreal on the 31st ult.

By giving the resolution space in your columns you will aid the best interests of the mining industry and mining profession in Canada.

B. T. A. BELZ,  
Secretary.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.

The resolution reads as follows: "The council of the Canadian Mining Institute having considered the circular letters and publications of an organization called the Central Canada Chamber of Mines, and believing that the indiscriminate publication and distribution of this literature, containing false and misleading statements, is prejudicial and hurtful to the mineral industries of Canada;

Resolves to put on record this expression of its views on the work and procedure of the chamber, and at the same time to express its unqualified disapproval of any financial aid or assistance being given to it by the Dominion or provincial governments, and further:

Resolves that the secretary be authorized to communicate this resolution to the president and secretaries of the Central Chamber of Mines, to the minister of the interior, to the honorable the commissioner of crown lands for Ontario, and to the editors of the leading Canadian and foreign press."

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**Hudson Bay Stores**  
RAT PORTAGE.

**Thistles Defeated the Winnipeggs by a Score 9 to 0.**

One of the largest crowds of the season assembled last Saturday night in Victoria rink to witness what all lovers of hockey expected would be a hard struggle. It was an easy walk-over for the home team from start to finish, and the Winnipeggers did not succeed in touching the nets once.

At 9:25 the teams lined up as follows:

Winnipeg.	Rat Portage
Lindsay.....Goal	Dulmage
Prouse.....Point	Johnson
Mundie.....Cover Point	Phillips
Taffe.....	Hooper
McLeod.....Forwards	McGimsie
Hamber.....	Fraser
Holliday.....	Hilliard

The game opened up with an attack on the Winnipeg goal, but after a good stop by Lindsay the puck was taken to centre ice; Fraser then secured and passed to McGimsie and after some brilliant combination work McGimsie scored goal No. 1 for Rat Portage amidst tremendous cheering.

The second game followed for Rat Portage about half a minute later, Hooper netting it.

The third game was the longest played during the first half, lasting 11 minutes. From the face-off Fraser secured, passed to Hilliard, who shot straight for the Winnipeg goal, but Lindsay stopped and sent to centre ice. A number of offside were made in front of Winnipeg goal but no one scored till after a scrimmage. Hilliard got the puck and passed to McGimsie who scored again. Then 2 minutes later Hilliard added another to the score, 4-0. The Winnipeggers played their hardest but were unable to pass the Thistles' defence, and after a mix-up Phillips secured and by a neat shot tallied the fifth for home team.

The puck was faced off and Fraser secured, passed to Hooper who sent in a hot shot which Winnipeg was not ready for, 6-0. Time 1/2 min.

The visitors opened the seventh game with a brave rush on Rat Portage goal, but Sam was in the right place and the disc was sent whirling down to the other end of the rink. Fraser secured and passed to Hooper, who fooled the Winnipeg goalkeeper again and another goal was added for the Thistles. Time 2 min.

This ended the scoring for the first half and when the bell rang the score was 7 to 0.

When the Winnipeg team appeared for the second half they looked very determined and for ten minutes the play was even. The Rat Portage boys

Winnipeggers struck a snag. What's the matter with the Thistles? —They're alright.

Vics. will have a hard time to win from Thistles.

Our forwards are crackerjacks—so's our point—an' cover point—an' goal-keeper.

The Winnipeg team will have to hurry if they want to keep their place ahead of Carberry.

The game of the season will be played next Saturday night in the Auditorium rink, Winnipeg, when our boys meet the Victorias for the first time this season. Both teams have a good standing in the intermediate league and the game will no doubt be a close one. A large number are going to avail themselves of the cheap rates and go in and see this match. It is hoped that our boys will win. If they do the championship will come to Rat Portage.

The Rat Portage "bunch" are no longer an "unknown aggregation" at least so far as Winnipeg is concerned.

The standing of the Intermediate Hockey league now is as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	To Play
Rat Portage.....	6	1	3
Victorias.....	4	1	5
Portage la Prairie.....	4	4	2
Brandon.....	4	4	2
Winnipeg.....	2	3	5
Carberry.....	0	7	3

The Brandon hockey team defeated the Carberry boys by a score of 6 to 2 last Friday night in the Carberry rink. The game was a close one although the score was so large.

Brandon added another victory to their list on Wednesday night last when they defeated Portage la Prairie by the score of 3 to 2.

**Cheap Trip to Winnipeg.**

The Thistle Hockey Club has arranged with the C.P.R. for a rate of two dollars to Winnipeg and return, good going on Saturday and returning not later than Tuesday night. Special accommodation will also be provided in the shape of a Pullman, the extra cost being 50c. It is expected a large crowd will take advantage of this cheap rate and visit Winnipeg.

The Thistles are confident of success in their match with the Victorias, and if they keep up Saturday night's gait, there is every probability they will add another victory to their already big list. To save time in the morning it is desirable that as many as possible purchase their tickets this (Friday) evening.

N. Higbee, manager of the Eagle Lake property which is being developed by a St. Paul syndicate, is in town. He states that the work on the property is progressing favorably and that they are satisfied they have what promise to become a splendid mine.

done during the past year than during the whole previous history of the mine. The company took hold of a practically exhausted mine and has confined itself to a strictly developing policy, milling only the ore won during development. This policy of course has reduced the production of bullion, but the mine has now very large reserves of ore opened up, and on the first of May the mill will start night and day for a campaign of indefinite duration. No better or more economical work has been done anywhere than at the Sultana, and we may inform the sapient editor of the Review that the present owners of this mine are perfectly satisfied with the property.

As to the Mikado, which is referred to as a "property of real value and merit", but previously "mismanaged, it is the consensus of opinion among men who know more about the matter than the editor of the Review or any of his associates, that it would be hard to beat the present management of the Mikado for making the best of a property that during the beginning of its history was operated on a hand-to-mouth basis. Mr. Bell will travel far before he finds a mine better equipped for money expended or better or more economically managed than the Mikado is at present.

The production of this mine has fallen off for the last six months for the reason that during this period the mill has been rearranged and enlarged, a new shaft has been sunk and a new shaft-house erected and equipped with a new hoist and that while these changes were made it was impossible to operate the mill to its full capacity. The development of the mine was not however interrupted and to-day the Mikado has a greater ore reserve than at any time since the opening of the mine. The Review refers to its "own knowledge of the Lake of the Woods properties." The Review was in this country for a week or so some years ago, and we fear its present knowledge (?) of the country is derived from its garrulous associates, a few of which are well known, and we might say, notorious here. Among other statements as to the various kind of "foolishness" in vogue, there is reference to the "foolishness" of a mining company transporting ore 150 miles over an expensive railway. The "Sakosae" mine is the mine in question, and as the Ottawa Gold Mining & Milling Co. have seen fit to adopt such a policy it is not necessarily foolish. We think that with the low freight rates obtained that the O. M. & M. Co. can do cheaper work by shipping to their works at Keewatin than by any other method, at least until the mine is fully developed. At any rate, they are shipping upwards of a thousand tons per month and are making a handsome profit out of it. We have had plenty of "tenderfoot"

disapproval of any financial aid or assistance, being given to it by the Dominion or provincial governments, and further.

Resolves that the secretary be authorized to communicate this resolution to the president and secretaries of the Central Chamber of Mines, to the minister of the interior, to the honorable the commissioner of crown lands for Ontario, and to the editors of the leading Canadian and foreign press."

[The Free Press of Wednesday last published a list of the persons present at this meeting, viz: John E. Hardman, Frank I. Adams, J. Burley Smith, Frank C. Robbins, J. T. Lewis, R. T. Hopper, B. T. A. Bell, and J. S. Brown—eight persons in all. Of this number only four are members of the council and entitled to vote. The council is composed of sixteen members, and it is evident that this resolution was railroaded through without giving the bulk of the council a chance to express an opinion.

We may frankly admit that the chamber in an excess of zeal has issued matter that is open to criticism from a scientific point of view, yet it must be admitted that by means of the statistics and literature disseminated by this institution this country has come in for more attention in Europe than ever before.

The chamber is disinterested in its efforts to make known the resources of this country, and kindly criticism instead of wholesale condemnation by the Canadian Mining Institute, would be more in accordance with the professed aim and object of that institution.

We think that the money expended by the chamber has been judiciously expended and with the extension of the field of operation of the chamber to include the whole of the district, Algoma as is intended, we believe that the contemplated grants of government aid will be money well spent if placed in the hands of a body of men who are interested only in the general prosperity of this district.—E. J. MERRILL

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## AFTER RAIN.

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Has rest awhile from looking across of rain  
Dripping and howling, between walls of the lane  
And the night-dwelling light, no colors say  
But a dying summer left; the sky is gray.  
As though the weeping had not eased the pain;  
The autumn is not yet, and all to vain  
Seems summer's life—a blossom cast away;  
The air is hushed, save in the emerald shade  
The rain still drops and with each fretting leaf  
To soft insistence of its little grief;  
The hopeless calm all thought of life denies;  
But, dark, and now through silence, unafraid,  
A robin rippled to the daily skies.  
Helen May in Harper's Magazine.

## Nan's METAMORPHOSIS.

A Story of a  
Spelling Match.  
By Adelbert  
V. Caldwell.

She was such a forlorn looking figure as she shuffled along the frozen river road in the late November sunshine.

"I believe I never saw such an aimless, shiftless family in my life," declared Judge Hilton emphatically as he and his daughter Mildred detected the thing that figure before them. "If anything, she's as bad as the rest, though when her mother died I imagined the responsibility of caring for the family would have a beneficial influence on Nan. Instead I actually believe it had the opposite effect. Just look at that torn dress and ragged shawl! If a girl had any spunk, she'd never be seen on a thoroughfare as public as this in such a squalid condition."

"But think, father," and Mildred looked up considerably, "how hard she must be obliged to work even to exist—the family, as Uncle Joe used to say, I believe she has a load of evergreen now to sell for winter decorations. It isn't an easy lot by any means the poor girl has." And Mildred looked the thick robe more snugly about her.

Nan Hascall lived in the old abandoned mill, down by the falls. "Was all the shelter Job Hascall could get after his wife's death, for rents were not easily obtained when it was known that the family's one source of income was cut off."

Mrs. Hascall had somehow succeeded as by almost a miracle, feeding her was, in providing food and shelter for the growing family of ten.

Job was forever lounging about the postoffice steps in summer, and his winter watch tower was the settle in the west window of the small, empty store near the river.

"Perhaps next week I'll be able to get a job somewhere," he would say in the early spring days as in a shuffling manner he went by his wife at the washstand, bent on his accustomed loitering ground, and when the first frost came in the fall he would blame himself to declare: "I may not be a chance logger for winter's goods. Wouldn't wash all the time. Better let some few things go."

But to let anything go was impossible and keep the roof over their heads and shoes on the many pairs of feet.

from which, when no one was looking, she selected for constant review the words of foreign derivation and those which she herself designated as having been thrown together in the dark.

"I can spell all the common ones without looking at them. J-u-d-g-e-m-e-n-t," she spelled, "Leave out the 'e' before 'ment.' Separate looks easy. But some'll spell it with an 'e' every time."

In early November Dr. Randall, a genial, retired practitioner, a man who had won the distinction of being the philanthropist of the village, had offered tuition and all legitimate expenses for one year at Douglass secondary to any young man or woman who should spell all others down in an old fashioned contest. This was to be held at the high school building about the middle of December. It made no difference whether the contestants attended school or not, the only requirement being that they couldn't be over 21 and must reside in town.

That Ethel May and her Ralph Holman, or perhaps George Lewis would get it was the foregone conclusion at the minds of nearly all the inhabitants of the village.

"Just wait, wait. Perhaps you'll be mistaken," was Nan's sidelong after hearing the matter thus prematurely settled. "I don't care for the old run thing, wouldn't have it anyway, but I'll show you I can do something!" and she nodded her head defiantly to an impatient, unsympathetic audience.

"All ready?" asked Dr. Randall, the evening of the contest, glancing at the eager faces about him. "I think so," he smiled. "Ethel Maynard and Ralph Holman may be certain and chose."

And intense excitement took place of spellers were seen in their places.

"Any one else like to spell who hasn't been drugged?" And Dr. Randall looked over his gold bowled spectacles impatiently. "I'll just wait a moment."

"There was a still stir back in the crowd and Nan Hascall slowly arose. "She here—Nan Hascall!" and a cheer rang round the room.

Nan's face flush with indignation. Mildred caught her eye and smiled approval.

"Your turn to choose, Mr. Holman," said Dr. Randall.

"But Miss Maynard choose last? Very well," Nan Hascall.

"Spell your best," whispered Mildred, and she pressed Nan's hand as the girl hurried by, her look of anger changed almost to a smile by Mildred's sympathy.

"I'll give you an easy word first. And 'dysentery' was given out. "It that's easy. I don't know what he calls a hard one." But Ralph spelled it correctly.

"Idiosyncrasy" followed. These missed on "spiguel" and Nan spelled it.

"One of the easy ones,"

Word after word was given out, only four spellers remained on the floor, the two opponents, George Lewis and Nan Hascall.

Mildred was never more anxious. "I do hope!" She was too interested to



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## Mistake of the New River.

A party of six young men were engaged in an animated discussion at McKee's Rocks. It was noticed that five index fingers were missing from the gestulating hands. Only one man had all of the fingers he was born with.

"They're all lost from Schoenville," said one. "I asked," "They say most of the ads. but I don't know where they are," said another. "I saw them in the Press," said a third. "I saw them in the Press," said a fourth. "I saw them in the Press," said a fifth. "I saw them in the Press," said a sixth. "I saw them in the Press," said a seventh. "I saw them in the Press," said an eighth. "I saw them in the Press," said a ninth. "I saw them in the Press," said a tenth. "I saw them in the Press," said an eleventh. "I saw them in the Press," said a twelfth. "I saw them in the Press," said a thirteenth. "I saw them in the Press," said a fourteenth. "I saw them in the Press," said a fifteenth. "I saw them in the Press," said a sixteenth. "I saw them in the Press," said a seventeenth. "I saw them in the Press," said an eighteenth. "I saw them in the Press," said a nineteenth. "I saw them in the Press," said a twentieth. "I saw them in the Press," said a twenty-first. 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After that, wherever Nana was—gathering evergreen, going after her weekly washing or cooking their scanty meals, a disconcerting-looking woman

an express messenger today who runs on cars for 30 years and has never been in a wreck or held up by robbers.—Express Gazette.

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## A WHITETHORN WOOD.

Oh, King Arthur's court went standing to the  
Maying,  
With the spring's new sky, and the spring's  
new blossoms straying;  
Light laughs laughed they, and sweet words they  
were saying  
In a whitethorn wood in the Maytime!

Er, Lancelot and the queen from the Maytime  
strayed apart;  
In his eyes was dark Love's passion; in her breast  
was dark Love's smart.  
Er, Lancelot and the queen they were clasped  
heart to heart  
In a whitethorn wood in the Maytime!

Oh, Love's pain wakes with the wakening of the  
spring,  
And it crowns a lass a queen, though she ne'er be  
wife of king!  
But stay at home and spin, for, oh, Love's a  
perilous thing  
In a whitethorn wood in the Maytime!

— Evelyn Greenleaf Bursland in Smart Set.

## DISARMED

FOR THE FIRST TIME  
IN HIS LIFE.

BY EUGENE DELFT.

A light touch from the mid-decamp, a  
spring, and she is in the saddle. Away  
she goes. "Who loves me follows me."  
They invariably follow her. One should  
see her as she passed through the town,  
flow over the roads and gained the  
country. Nothing seemed to stop her.  
Neither wood nor field nor flood. Then  
came the sudden wave of her hand, a  
gay "Goodbye" to the general, an "Ad-  
ieu" to the young officers, and she  
was out of sight, leaving never a trace  
behind.

"Thunder and lightning!" grumbled  
the general. "How does she do it? We  
have once again been outwitted."

The next morning found her again  
at the commandant's study as ever.  
She gave the commandant a merry little  
quintary salute with her dignity riding  
whip, dismounted on her horse to be taken  
care of and moved straight toward  
the dining hall, where covers were set  
for the general's breakfast. They  
breakfasted together quietly, but to  
ward the end the general seemed to get  
somewhat restless. He could not re-  
strain those four formidable "hums,"  
and he sent the attendants flying about  
in all directions.

"We are not here for amusement,"  
she remarked. "Drink your coffee."

He drank it, mentally feeling any-  
thing but amused. Certainly he had  
met women of many kinds, but never  
anything like her. Was he afraid of  
the little creature, he wondered. He  
recalled their meeting just a month  
before in Paris. He remembered still  
how the moment the train was starting  
she had climbed in with the rapidity of  
a little squirrel and taken a seat be-  
side him in the compartment, settling  
herself so easily and comfortably and  
arranging her passages with a pretty  
order. Then little by little the eyes  
closed, the head leaned heavily for-  
ward and was seen lying in sleep  
against her neighbor's shoulder.

"Thunder and lightning!" One does  
not disturb the sleep of a little child.

eral thought for a moment she was go-  
ing to give her usual laughing care-  
well and disappear forever from his  
sight. Not a word he must make his  
proposal. Let Guy think of it what he  
liked. In two hours he was by her  
side. She coolly demanded:  
"What, you are not out of breath?"

Whether he was or not had little to  
do with the matter. He murmured  
through his mustache in a voice which  
slightly trembled:

"Listen. I have something to say to  
you very serious."

She shook her head in tender railery.  
"Let us have a gallop. Seriousness  
is so fatiguing."

Never had she looked so beautiful  
never was Guy farther from the gen-  
eral's thoughts.

They were now going along a well-  
kept avenue. The chestnut of the little  
baroness neighed. She touched him  
lightly with her whip—a dash—the gen-  
eral was alone.

A sudden turn in the avenue brought  
him in front of a large square, and he  
was just in time to see a glimpse of a  
riding habit disappearing through a  
door.

Railings, he knocked as if to break  
down the house. There was no neces-  
sity for such violence. The door was  
quickly opened, and it seemed as if he  
were expected, for the valet de pied  
without asking him his name showed  
him into a luxuriously furnished apart-  
ment, a boudoir draped with choicest  
tapestries and laden with delicious  
odors.

Letting his eyes roam over the various  
articles of vertu with which the  
room was adorned, he felt spellbound  
as he gazed on the mantelpiece,  
surrounded by a frame of flowers, one  
figure stood out in bold relief, a  
portrait of himself, the one which had  
been painted after the African cam-  
paign. It was almost a masterpiece  
and had the signature of his dear sis-  
ter, Guy's mother.

"Here I am. What is the matter,  
general?"

The little baroness had come quite  
close to him, silently as a fairy.

"There is—The devil fly away with  
me! I don't know what to say! I have  
come to tell you—explain to you. What  
am I doing there on that mantelpiece?"

"Does that displease you?"

"I did not say so. But I cannot quite  
understand."

"It is a present I had from my sweet-  
heart."

"Your sweetheart! You are going to  
be married?"

A joyous voice answered from be-  
hind.

"If you are willing, uncle."

"Guy! My nephew!"

The little baroness snuggled her  
shoulders, saying with her merriest  
laugh:

"Oh, no! He will not permit you to  
marry a woman old enough to be your  
mother."

"Old! You! Ah, if I were only 20  
again!" And, kissing the sparkling  
cheek, he murmured, "Disarmed!"

"For the first time in your life, my  
general," said the little baroness proud-  
ly.—Translated from the French for  
Chicago Times Herald.

SONG.

## La Grippe's Ravages. Notice to Creditors.

A CAMDEN LADY CURED OF ITS AFTER  
EFFECTS.

She Was Left Weak and Run Down, and  
Unable to Regain Her Strength Until  
She Used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

In the village of Camden, Ont., and  
throughout the surrounding country,  
there are few people better known or  
more highly esteemed than Mr. and  
Mrs. Daniel Albright. Mr. Albright  
has for many years filled the position  
of village postmaster, in addition to  
conducting a boot and shoe business.  
But it is with the postmaster's estim-  
able wife that this article has chiefly  
to do, as it gives, practically in her  
own words, the particulars of her re-  
covery from a severe illness through  
the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

To a reporter who asked Mrs. Albright  
if she would consent to give the partic-  
ulars of her illness and cure for pub-  
lication, she said: "If you think my  
experience will help some other suf-  
ferer I am quite willing to give it, for  
I may tell you that I am a very enthu-  
siastic admirer of Dr. Williams' Pink  
Pills. For some years prior to the  
winter of 1898 I suffered with a lame  
back which frequently prevented me  
from doing my household work.

Later exposure to cold developed  
scoliosis, and every movement of the  
body caused intense pain. In this way,  
passed gloomy days and restless nights,  
until the winter of 1898, when my  
trouble was aggravated by an attack  
of la grippe. The first and most severe  
symptoms of this trouble passed away,  
but it left me in a weak and depressed  
condition. I did not appear to be able  
to recover my strength; my appetite  
was very feeble; I was extremely nerv-  
ous, and my heart would palpitate  
painfully at the least exertion. I had  
been under a doctor's care, but did not  
recover my strength, and as a conse-  
quence I was much depressed in spirits.

At this juncture a friend who called  
upon me advised me to try Dr. Wil-  
liams' Pink Pills, and I decided to fol-  
low the advice and procure a supply.  
To my gratification I felt an improve-  
ment in my condition almost from the  
outset, and after using the pills for a  
little over a month I was once more  
enjoying the best of health, every trace  
of the trouble that had afflicted me  
having disappeared. It is nearly three  
years since I used the pills and I have  
been well and strong ever since, and I  
have the best of reason for ascribing  
my present good health to the use of  
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a tonic  
and not a purgative medicine. They  
enrich the blood from the first dose  
to the last and thus bring health and  
strength to every organ in the body.  
The genuine pills are sold only in  
boxes with the full name, "Dr. Wil-  
liams' Pink Pills for Pale People,"  
printed on the wrapper. If your doc-  
tor cannot supply you send direct to  
the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brock-  
ville, Ont., and the pills will be mailed  
post paid at 50 cents a box, or six boxes  
for \$2.50.

A Clever Lady.

A lady who had lost a century had  
been treated by a doctor who  
was born and bred in the city.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FOLEY MINES  
Company of Ontario, Limited, and  
the Joint Stock Companies Winding-  
up Act, being R.S.O. (1897) Chap. 222

PURSUANT to a special winding-  
up resolution passed in accor-  
dance with the Joint Stock Companies  
Winding-up Act at a general meeting  
of the shareholders of The Foley Mines  
Company of Ontario, Limited, on  
Thursday, the 13th day of December,  
A.D. 1900, the creditors of, and all  
persons having claims against, the  
said The Foley Mines Company of  
Ontario, Limited, are on or before  
May First, 1901, to send by post pre-  
paid to E. R. McHolm, Liquidator of  
the said Company, at his office, 103  
Bay Street, Toronto, or to the under-  
signed, their christian and sundries,  
addresses and descriptions, the full  
particulars, verified by oath, of their  
claims and the nature and amount of  
the securities, if any, held by them, and  
the specified value of such securities,  
or in default thereof they will be per-  
emptorily excluded from sharing in the  
distribution of the assets of the  
said Company.

And notice is further given that  
after the said first day of May, 1901,  
the said Liquidator will proceed to  
distribute the assets of the said Com-  
pany among the parties entitled there-  
to, having regard only to the claims  
of which notice shall have been given  
as aforesaid, and the said Liquidator  
will not be liable for the said assets or  
any part thereof to any person or per-  
sons of whose claim notice shall not  
have been received at the time of such  
distribution.

Dated the 26th day of January, 1901.

BRISTOL, CAWTHRA & BAILEY,  
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Liquidator.

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LOUIS HILLIARD, Proprietor.

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any other department connected with your  
business. If this is done the results will be just as  
satisfactory. The successful advertisers are those who  
extend time and thought upon their advertisements.  
By this we do not mean the writing of long disserta-  
tions upon your goods, but simply state the case in  
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If you have goods to sell let the people know  
about it and your chances of success are great.

**Rat Portage Lumber Co., Limited**  
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Rat Portage, Ont., Jan. 1900.



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RAT PORTAGE, ONT., FEB. 15, 1901

## EXTEND ITS SCOPE.

The Central Canada Chamber of  
Mines was organized largely through  
the efforts of a few Rat Portage and  
Winnipeg gentlemen, and its sphere  
of operations has been confined almost  
entirely to the district from Port  
Arthur to Manitoba. We believe  
that the usefulness of the chamber  
would be greatly enhanced if its scope  
was widened so that the rich territory  
extending from Port Arthur to Sud-  
bury, or even to Madoc, might be in-  
cluded. It would then have within  
its scope the largest mineral bearing  
district in the world, and one in which  
the variety of minerals is as great as  
the size of the territory. To the west  
we have our great gold bearing reefs  
and the Atikokan iron range; near  
Port Arthur the silver deposits, and  
a little east thereof zinc and copper  
deposits, while about the centre of the  
district is the Helen iron mine, whose  
increasing output and worth is attract-  
ing the attention of the iron magnates.  
To the east of the Square there are awak-  
ening copper mines, and clustered around  
Sudbury are the greatest nickel de-  
posits in the world. If the operations  
of the Chamber of Mines were extend-  
ed over this whole immense territory,  
we believe the statistics of mineral  
productions which could be furnished  
monthly would awaken the capitalists  
of the world to the fact that northern  
Ontario is the greatest mineral district  
in the world, and the one offering the  
best inducements to capital.

The success of one industry would  
tend to the advancement of the other,  
and so all would benefit. We would  
suggest that at the annual meeting of  
the Chamber of Mines, which will  
shortly be held, that this matter be  
taken up, and that the support of lead-  
ing mining men in the eastern end of  
the district be enlisted. It would  
probably mean the changing of the  
head office to some more central point,  
so that information might be more  
readily obtained. We believe little  
objection would be raised to this by  
either the Rat Portage or Winnipeg

gangs committed in the West Elgin  
election made at the time, a deep im-  
pression on the public mind. This im-  
pression has not been removed, and the  
fatal weakness of the government in  
failing to bring a single off-ender to jus-  
tice will undoubtedly be dwelt on by  
the opposition. Some of the schemes  
outlined from time to time by Mr. Ross  
are also likely to receive a considerable  
share of attention. One of the most  
important measures to be brought down  
is that providing for provincial aid in  
the construction of improved high-  
ways. The government has had full  
opportunity to perfect this measure,  
and it is to be hoped that it will re-  
ceive most careful consideration from  
the legislature. Let us make sur-  
e that the money will not be wasted,  
but that as a result of provincial aid  
we shall have highways worthy of the  
province. In popular estimation the  
strength of the Liberals lies in the  
weakness of the opposition. There is  
a strong feeling that the government  
is on altogether too friendly terms  
with powerful corporations; that it  
shields them from taxation, and uses  
its administrative powers for their  
advantage. But Mr. Whitney has not  
stood out in the past as the champion  
of popular rights. No scheme for  
equal taxation has been brought for-  
ward by him on the other hand he  
has been the avowed supporter of a  
bonus system under which manufac-  
turers are permitted to take advantage  
of municipal rivalries to levy a species  
of blackmail upon many a community.  
Until last session he did not vote  
against a single railroad donation, and  
although we desire to give him full  
credit for the stand he took upon that  
occasion, it may fairly be said that  
his opposition might have been more  
vigorous than it was. Against the  
action of the government in granting  
further bounties to smelters, already  
fed to a state of gluttony by the  
Dominion government, he uttered no  
word of protest. But while Mr. Whit-  
ney has failed to take an aggressive  
stand for the public in the past he is  
likely to have an opportunity during  
the present session to redeem his record.  
On the record of this session the next  
elections may be lost or won.

## THE NEW CONSERVATIVE LEADER.

R. L. Beaton, the new leader of the  
Conservative party in the House of  
Commons is a comparatively young  
man, who was but little known out-  
side of his own province up till two  
years ago. He has for several years  
been recognized as the leader of the  
Nova Scotia bar, and as one of the  
brightest minds that that province,  
— famous for distinguished orators and  
statesmen, — has produced. His short  
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is chiefly due to its irrefragable character."

The Times.

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Boston Journal.

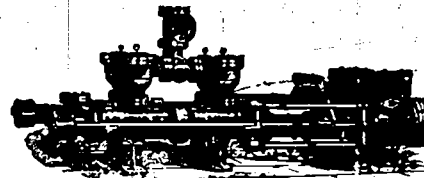
The Buffalo Exhibition Co. has suc-  
ceeded with consummate nerve in get-  
ting more for nothing than any con-  
cern of recent years. They have  
preyed upon the unsuspecting news-  
paper and secured an immense amount  
of advertising by sending ready made  
articles accompanied by cuts which  
are put in to fill up space, which if it  
were a local concern would be indig-  
nantly refused. The better class  
papers, we are told have consigned this  
free advertising gush to the waste  
paper basket where it belongs.

According to reports received at the  
Crown Lands Department, the cut of  
pine in Ontario woods this year will  
be the largest in the history of the  
Province. It is estimated at 750,000,000  
feet board measure, or more than a  
million feet in excess of last year's cut.  
The cut for the past few years has been  
as follows: 1899, 513,000,000 feet; 1898,  
570,000,000 feet; 1897, 503,000,000 feet;  
1896, 620,000,000 feet. There are about  
17,000 men employed in the various  
lumber camps. They occupy some 300  
shanties in the lumber camps, and their  
average wage is \$27 a month.

It may interest statisticians and per-  
haps others to know that the aggre-  
gate amount of money appropriated  
by Congress for pensions since the end  
of the Civil war in 1905, plus the  
amount carried by the pending Pen-  
sion bill for the fiscal year 1902, is  
\$2,821,117,429. Another year will  
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IF you want any thing in the shape of  
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Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Under-  
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will sell them.

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Main Street

Rat Portage

STEER BY THE STAR.

Right on the star, not on the star ship.  
In the point of the darkness there;

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number of mines, which will shortly be held, that this matter be taken up, and that the support of leading mining men in the eastern end of the district be enlisted. It would probably mean the changing of the head office to some more central point, so that information might be more readily obtained. We believe little objection would be raised to this by either the Rat Portage or Winnipeg members, so long as it was shown to be for the general good.

#### ATHLETIC GROUNDS.

The question of suitable grounds for lacrosse and other games during the summer months has been brought forward at different times. During the past two or three years, but nothing has been done. The town owns a fairly good site on Conley island, but at present it is considered that it would take too much money to put in shape. The same argument holds good regarding the muskeg park near the Central school. These two sites are out of the question. The grounds of the H.B.C. on the Riel estate might be leased for a period of years either by the town, or by an athletic association. They could at a comparatively small cost be fitted up to answer the purpose.

Whenever the youth of Rat Portage have a fair chance to show their abilities in athletic sports they generally come out at the top or near it. They demonstrated this last summer in aquatics, and this winter at hockey. We have no doubt in field sports they would be just as successful, but at present their are no grounds suitable for either lacrosse, football, baseball or cricket.

We would suggest that the councilors consider this question seriously at an early date. We have no doubt that the small outlay required would be amply repaid by the advertising the boys would give the town.

#### THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

"Notwithstanding the fact that the Dominion parliament will be sitting at the same time, the session of the Ontario legislature," says the *Barren's Sun*, "is likely to command a good deal of public interest. While the Dominion parliament is just beginning to run its course, and the government has a large majority, the Ontario legislature is moving the end of its term, and each party will shape its policy with a view to an appeal to the electors at a comparatively early date. Since the last session two commissions have been engaged making inquiries, the one into a system of assessment, and taxation, the other into the West Elgin by-election. Whether the report of the assessment commission will be submitted to the legislature does not appear clear. If it is submitted the revenue of taxation is likely to receive a large share of attention. The

Commons is a comparatively young man, who was but little known outside of his own province up till two years ago. He has for several years been recognized as the leader of the Nova Scotia bar, and as one of the brightest minds that that province, famous for distinguished orators and statesmen, has produced. His short career in the House of Commons has been a brilliant one. He was readily recognized that on every great question brought before the Commons he has gone into the details of the subject with great thoroughness. His opinions on any question command the keenest attention of both government and opposition.

The Conservatives in the Dominion house seem to be united under the new leader, and as he is said to possess the vigor of mind and style of Sir John Thompson, combined with the pleasing address of the old chief, Sir John Macdonald, it seems certain that he will gather round him as advisers the brightest minds in the party. He enters upon the duties of leadership at an opportune time when great questions will engage the attention of Canadian statesmen. Opposition will further develop his talents so that in the course of time he may fill the premier's position with all the ability of his great predecessors.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Carnegie can retire very gracefully with two or three hundred millions.

It took Mr. Borden only four years in parliament to become leader of the Conservative party. The premiership will be his goal for the next four years.

The question of short speeches was brought up in the Dominion House the other day by Mr. Charlton. It would be a good idea if the press gallery would hypnotize some of the members and blue pencil their thoughts before utterance.

The people of Canada will sympathize deeply with Lord and Lady Dufferin, who in the evening of their lives are suffering so much. First they lost at Ladysmith Lord Ava, the heir to the title, who has been often with us. Then Lord Frederick Blackwood was shot through the lungs, and there was little hope of his recovery. Just as they were about to leave for Africa to see their wounded son, the London and Globe financial calamity occurred, and Lord Dufferin bore the loss and the sorrow of that failure together with no small amount of adverse criticism. Now the eldest son, Lord Claudeby, is in a perilous position, and his recovery is doubtful. His have fallen suddenly and swiftly upon the brilliant pair, whose memory is etched in Canada, and sympathy in this country will be universal.

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Dr. Smellie, of Fort William, the Conservative candidate for West Algoma in the approaching elections for the Legislature, was in town for a couple of days last week. The doctor is quite confident that he will be able to wrest the seat from Mr. Commey or whoever may be the government candidate. He has met with the best of assurances in the eastern end of the riding and believes that Rat Portage and the Rainy River section will roll up a good majority at this end. Dr. Smellie is a man of pleasing address, able to express his opinion in good language, and whose record is clean. He is a most creditable candidate for any party to choose for legislative honors.

The question of government ownership of railways is becoming an uppermost topic in political circles. In the Commons this week Mr. Maclean discussed the railway problem setting out the dangers of the present system. He advocated the securing of the control of the C.P.R. and the G.T.R. by going to the stock markets and buying enough shares. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the question was an important one and deserved the fullest discussion. Mr. Charlton said the subject was one which should be seriously considered. He thought Canadians should draw a lesson from the United States, which was plundered by trusts and railway corporations. Mr. Charlton is decidedly in favor of railway ownership by government and expressed the belief that the government might as well take over the telegraph system at once. And so the important subject grows and expands, drawing to itself the brightest minds of the country. We believe the next general election will see it made the prominent issue, and both parties will be for it, as they now are both committed to protection. The only difference will be in detail.

The revenue derived by the Province last year from pulpwood dues was about \$13,000, compared with \$1,825 in the year previous, the increase showing the development in this branch of forest product. The quantity in the two years was 65,000 cords and 30,000 cords respectively. The yield of pulpwood on the areas now being cut is probably ten cords to the acre, which means that about 6,500 acres were cut over last year, or about eleven square miles, which is a mere drop in the bucket in northern Ontario. North of the height of land, surveyors have estimated that the spruce yield will be from 40 to 50 cords to the acre.

Last year's cut of pulpwood yielded the Government 20 cents per cord, but an order in Council was passed a year

The Hospital carnival will be held in Victoria Skating Rink, Tuesday, Feb. 24th. Preparations are already under way, several new attractions will be presented and no effort will be spared to make this the crowning social event of the season.

#### STEER BY THE STAR.

Night on the sea, and one lone ship  
In the midst of the darkness there;  
A trackless waste spread all about,  
And the darkness ever deepened.  
But glancing in the sky above  
Are seen the beams of the night,  
Set there to guide that lonely ship  
Across the pathless sea at night.

The waves roll high and toss the ship,  
A plaything on their turbid crest;  
The sea lifts up its eager arms  
And opens wide its heaving breast.  
But safely still the vessel rides,  
For one there is who guides aright,  
Because his eyes are fixed upon  
These faithful beams of the night.

No tired sailing on life's sea,  
But safe and snug the laborer finds,  
If the track be on the sky,  
He ever kept in sight and mind.  
The light at times may shine but dim,  
The way seem dark the harbor far,  
But he cannot get off the coast  
Who guides his vessel by the Star.  
—Arthur J. Burdett in Los Angeles Herald

#### YOUR OWN VOICE.

You Would Be Surprised If You Heard His Exact Imitation.  
"One of the strangest things in life," said an amateur philosopher of Camp street, "is the fact that we never really become acquainted with our physical selves. Here I have been living in this body of mine for nearly 50 years, yet I have no idea how I look, how I hear myself, what sort of an impression I make on the minds of others when they meet me in daily intercourse. I don't even know how my own voice sounds, although I've been listening to it ever since I can remember. Did you ever hear yourself talk in a phonograph? No? Well, try it the next time you have a chance, and you will be only astonished, but, what is still stranger, you will be disappointed, probably a little shocked. Everybody has that experience.

"I supposed that I was perfectly familiar with my own voice and thought privately that it was rather agreeable. I had been told so plenty of times by other people had never knew that they were only 'jolly' me until I made a phonographic record and set it grinding. At the first word I jumped on it in dismay and nearly pulled my ears off in the listening tubes.  
"Merciful heavens! I said to myself, 'Is it possible I talk like that?' I thought there must be something the matter with the cylinder and called in a friend to hear it. He grinned with delight. 'That's one of the most natural records I ever heard in my life,' he declared heartily, and I yearned for his score.

"But, as I just remarked, everybody who tries the experiment has the same experience. The voice is always absolutely unfamiliar and positively unpleasant. Yet there is a certain something about it that differentiates it from any other voice you ever heard in your life—something indescribable that gives you a little secret thrill clear down to the soles of your feet. It is the voice of the mysterious body which you inhabit and which you know."

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## Subscribe for The Miner

The Neepawa Company.

Wahigagoon Star, Mr. H. D. Alston informs us that the negotiations for the re-organization of the Neepawa Co. are progressing very satisfactorily. Mr. J. A. Davidson stated at the end of last week that everything with regard to this property is turning out well, and that he has good hopes of the Lower Neepawa mine being reopened during the summer, not however, in all probability until about July.

Advertising Draws Crowded Churches.

There is no business or profession that does not find advertising in some form profitable. Even the ministers have discovered that the advertising columns of the newspapers are efficacious in increasing the size of their congregations. At Beverly, Mass., the First Universalist church trustees have made a contract with a newspaper for a half page of advertising space for every Saturday morning. This half page is used to declare the doctrine of the church, announce the preacher's subject and the music program for the next day; tell people how to reach the place, and describe the seating arrangements. The church is crowded every Sunday night.



"I LUV a rooster for a few things—ones that the know that iz in him, and the other iz the spurs that air on him to bak up his know with."—From Josh Billings' *Essay on the Rooster*.

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Machine men \$210 per day (10 hours).

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## Fresh Eggs

## Bottom Prices

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## A SON'S DEVOTION.

The Theme of an Interesting Sermon in Knox Church by Rev. W. M. Rochester

GEN. 47: 11-12

"The topic for study is the character of Joseph as a son? Does filial piety find in him a shining example? We had cause earlier to note his devotion to his father when a lad in the encampment at Hebron. Is he still what he then was? Scenes and times have changed. Has Joseph changed? Is he the same thoughtful, dutiful son? How has the shrub of home affection borne transplanting, and what has been the effect of time?"

We shall pass therefore in review some of the later events in this interesting history:—

1. His brothers have appeared the second time in Egypt, and have been presented to him. Among other questions Joseph presses this enquiry upon them. "Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? Is he yet alive?" And they answered, "Thy servant our father is in good health, he is yet alive." What does the question mean? It tells us that Joseph has still a place in his heart for his father. He longs to know all that concerns him that in Jacob's absence these heart cravings may find partial gratification. And the answer doubtless contributed somewhat to that emotion which at the sight of Benjamin almost overcame him. The new scenes, employments, and loves had not deprived the father of his place in his son's affection.

2. A meeting upon the confines of the territory of Goshen. It came about thus. Returning to their home the brothers made known the fact that Joseph lived, and declared his glory by asserting that he was lord over all the land of Egypt. The sight of the wagons sent for the patriarch's transportation to the new land assured the aged man that his sons spoke the truth. He made up his mind quickly, and thus indicated his resolve. "It is enough; Joseph, my son, is yet alive; I will go and see him before I die." Preparations are swiftly completed, and he, with all his household, sets out upon the long journey. A stop is made at Beersheba where an encouraging message is given Jacob by God. "Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes." His eagerness has been quickened now to fever stage. Hence they press on. Judah has been sent for-

own children; that they talked about many things. Jacob told Joseph touchingly about the death of Rachel. Much of his life's history was poured into Joseph's confiding ear. This free intercourse, this tender nursing, and effusion of love were the comforts of those last years. Joseph despised not his father when he was old. He ministered tenderly to the old man as he had in childhood been ministered unto.

3. The next is a death-bed scene. Jacob summons his family. The twelve strong sons, his family in its entirety, stand before him. He gives his benediction to all and forecasts the future for each. He has weighed well their distinctive qualities, and with remarkable insight foretells their place in life. For some it is good; for others unpromising; for Joseph good, and a double portion of inheritance shall be his. Now the scene closes. Nature has exhausted itself. The patriarch draws himself up upon his bed, and his spirit takes its flight. Joseph for the time is unmanly by the suddenness and magnitude of this bereavement. He falls upon the body, kisses and caresses the cold face of his loved father, and pours out a tide of grief. It is the favorite son's lament over the loss of his father.

4. The concluding incident is a great and solemn procession wending its way slowly from the land of Goshen along the route leading to Canaan. It is for numbers and mournful dignity like the funeral procession of a king. It represents Joseph's last tribute of respect and love to his father. He bears his body back to the land of promise. This is in fulfillment of the pledge given to Jacob a few days before his death. The great company moves slowly along its appointed way until by the circuitous route chosen they reach a favorable position near the fords of the Jordan. Here they pour out such lamentation that the people of the land are heard on every hand to say, "Some great loss has befallen the Egyptians." Finally the body is carried to its last resting place in the cave of Machpelah. The task is done; Joseph has carried out his commission. He has most fully conformed to the last wishes of his father. He has honored him by fulfilling his dying bequest.

These incidents really convey their own lessons, but, for the sake of emphasis, the thoughts enshrined may be specified. Filial devotion expresses itself in—

1. Recognition. Men have been known to fail in this. It is a sad fact that some have been found so hard as to be unwilling to recognise those who gave them birth. Parents are not likely to be up to date and place. They cannot all keep the pace of life. Let us never be ashamed of them.

## THE TOWN COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting Held on Monday Night Last.

The city fathers held their regular semi-monthly meeting last Monday night. Coun. Hudson was the only absentee.

Communications were received from G. A. Strinson & Co., Toronto, re waterworks debentures; M. Seignillier, secretary school board, re balance of 1900 school taxes, and also regarding sewer connection for central school. Letter were also received from A. M. Rose, tax collector; and H. R. Woodley.

The report of the finance committee was received and adopted. It recommended that in future chairman of committees issue requisitions to the clerk for any material, and that he only give orders for purchase. All information will thus be in the clerk's office. The following accounts were recommended to be paid:—

Wm. Gurd & Co.	\$ 9 90
Wm Greenwood	4 05
E. Brundage	8 24
D. C. Currie	95
J. Hosi	5 29
Gardner, Rice, McLeod Co.	1 10
Scott & Hudson Co.	1 00
Rat Portage Hardware Co.	3 85
Partington Supply Co.	13 90
Horn & Taylor	11 00
Delbridge Bros.	2 50
E. G. Hall & Co.	1 75
Electric Light Co.	173 35
Pay roll, water department	38 02
A. M. Rose, salary as collector	300 00

Total ..... \$385 41  
The board of works report was received and adopted. It stated that tenders had been received for construction of bridge, but recommended that they be laid over for the present. The petition of R. E. Dowsett and others for improving Fifth St., was also laid over.

On motion of Couns. Brydon and Chadwick the town treasurer was instructed to prepare and submit a statement at every other meeting of the council of all the receipts and expenditure during the intervals of meetings showing the balance if any, in the bank to the credit of the corporation.

Richard Hall was appointed town engineer to be paid for his services by fees to be agreed upon.

Moved by Coun. Belyea, seconded by Coun. Chadwick that W. McCarthy be paid one hundred and fifty dollars for his services as water commissioner

over be instructed to take the levels from Rideout Bay to the Central School; from the foot of First Street past Shaw's Hotel to the Central School, and report on cost and advisability of each route.

Moved by Coun. Horswill, seconded by Couns. Chadwick, that the clerk notify the chief of police to place a man on 3rd St., opposite the two churches from 1 to 1.30 p. m., complaints having been made that the boys congregate there and use language which has become an annoyance to the citizens living on that street.

Moved by Coun. Chadwick, seconded by Coun. Cameron; that D. T. Ferguson and J. H. Chaloner be notified that their services will not be required after the first of March next, on account of the consolidation of the several offices.

The by-law to repeal By-law No. 283 was read the first time.

The by-law to make provision for the management of the Rat Portage waterworks and to establish a tariff of rates, and to levy a special rate to assist in payment of debentures issued therefor, was read a first time.

### The Danger of Piles.

Piles are usually caused by constipation, lack of exercise or sitting on wet seats or cold stoves. They frequently develop into tumors, fistulae or rupture of the intestines. Dr. Chase's Ointment has never failed to cure piles and put an ending to the wretched itching and messiness. It is truly a wonder to all who have used it and is guaranteed to cure every case of itching, bleeding or protruding piles.

### Rumohr at Winnipeg.

Rumohr, the amateur champion oarsman, formerly of Rat Portage is now living in Winnipeg and has taken a lease of the Southeastern hotel. In an interview in the Tribune Mr. Rumohr stated that he had definitely decided to enter the professional ranks. He and Durnan, of Toronto, had challenged Lynch and Ray for the double scull championship. It was also his intention, if after a race with Durnan to see which of them was best, to challenge Jake Gaudaur for the professional championship of the world. If Durnan beat him in the trial race he would row Gaudaur for the world's championship.

Mr. Rumohr is 23 years of age and young looking at that. Although he weighs 200 pounds and is 6 ft. 1-2 in. in height, he would give the impression at first sight that he was smaller in his proportions.

He wears on his watch chain the National championship medal, studded with diamonds and valued at \$175. During the four years Mr. Rumohr has been an oarsman he has won nine challenge cups and 21 medals, besides receiving the 100 ft. boat race

## Rubber defects.



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3. A court function is the next incident. Jacob's introduction to Pharaoh. The etiquette of court presentations is usually exacting. Joseph seemed not for his father in these things. There is a native dignity of bearing and royal conduct that, even though it be ignorant of ceremony, is strangely well placed when found in a palace. Jacob bore himself like the prince he was, though of another blood. His presence is commanding. His quiet dignity carries him through the ordeal of presentation with honor. He concludes the interview by giving his blessing to the monarch. There is something in that incident that speaks well for the son under whose care he now was. The proud governor of a great land is not ashamed of his humble shepherd father. He so appreciates the aged man's real greatness, his qualities of mind and heart, that he has no fear of chagrin in presenting him even at Pharaoh's court.

4. A series of attentions now comes to view. Jacob was now 130 years old. A home and plenty was bestowed upon him and his in the land of Goshen. There the old man spent his declining years. He had seen much sorrow. The great burden of it had come from his sons' misconduct. The heaviest blow of all had been the loss of his favorite Joseph, except, perhaps, the death of his wife Rachel. He had experienced much bitterness. Now the war ebbed. It was the sunset of his years. The comfort of those last days was the presence and the cheer of his loved son Joseph. We may gather that Joseph visited his father often; that he gladdened the patriarch's heart by presenting to him his

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## Career and Character of Abraham Lincoln.

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## THEY WERE ALL SCARED.

### A Case of Highway Robbery With a Peculiar Ending.

What the hero of this story kicks about is the fact that his wife forgot her sacred word never to say anything regarding it. His business keeps him out late, and he frequently carries considerable money. When footpads are reported in evidence, he gets as near home as he can by street car and then takes the best lighted route to his house.

One night he had reached the front of his own place and had just drawn a long sigh of relief when the order "Hands up!" startled him into compliance. One man held a gun in the immediate neighborhood of his ear and another systematically robbed him of everything worth carrying off. The order then was that he walk around the block so as to defer the use of his telephone and it was clearly stated that any attempt to turn back, run or call for help would result in his being assassinated.

Before he reached the corner it struck him that the roles of one of the teen-soned familiar and then that its owner was a near neighbor greatly given to practical joking. Back he went on tiptoes, his revolver in his right hand, and surprised the footpads as they were dividing the spoils. He made them lay everything on the walk, and when they straightened up awaiting the next order he discovered that both were total strangers. His hand dropped from sheer terror, and then the robbers ran one way, while he sprinted the other. Half an hour later he, his wife and a lantern revolver and the hired girl went out and found his money, watch, papers and diamond ring. His wife solemnly related the story by telling K first.



## FATE'S TABLE.

You must have known her had you seen her face.  
That moment came away as by the side passed.  
It must have told you that, counting grace.  
Of one could not but have you to the last.

And had you heard her voice you must have known.  
The little talked and softly all that day.  
Something, perhaps, was on the lone road down  
To her could not but have you to the last.

You did not see her, and you did not know.  
She saw not, heart not, you as by the side.  
And it was once more written, "War to you."  
Till shall go, waiting, seeking in the last.

—John Vance Cheney in Harper's Bazar.

"BY ORDER  
OF THE BOARD."

BY M. QUAD.

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For seven years old John Fosdick had been paying off the First National bank in a western town. Previous to his taking the place he had been a private banker and merchant and had played in hard luck. He had secured the place through leaving the friendship of a prospector, but there had been a "fix" against him in the bank. The place had been promised to a relative of the cashier's, and old John was looked upon as an intruder. Without the president looking him over after he had held the place for three or four years, he would have been fired by those in authority. He was a man who said but little and rendered faithful service. As he grew old they tried to make his age a point against him, and not succeeding in that, it was hoped that he might get caught



"HANDS UP AND MONEY OUT!"

up on a forged check or some other act of carelessness. He went his way without fighting back. If he lost his place, it meant poverty to himself and wife in their old age. He was prompt, careful and systematic, and the plans of his enemies were defeated.

The seventh year was drawing to a close when old John was caught up. A stranger presented a check which he hesitated to pay and about which he consulted the cashier. Later on the cashier stated that he had ordered it to be held pending examination. Old John said that he had been ordered to

stand stout. Over 100 of the men in town had gone over to the new town of Prairie Flower at an auction of real estate. There hadn't been a better opportunity for years to make a dash at the bank. It was a civilized young city, but within striking distance of No Man's Land and a hundred desperate outlaws. Of a sudden old John Fosdick, bareheaded and his gray hair flying, burst into the bank. He was speechless with his running, but he did not try to use his voice. He dashed open the gate and seized the heavy doors of the safe and closed them with a bang. Several employees tried to seize him, thinking he had gone crazy, but he shook them off, and just as firing and yelling were heard on the street he slammed the doors of the vault. He had only turned from it when four border ruffians dashed into the bank, each with a pistol in hand, while three others remained outside and fired at every pedestrian in sight.

"Hands up and money out!" shouted one of the three who entered the bank, and in an instant every official and employee was covered.

The cashier wilted, and the others followed suit, but old John Fosdick stood up gamely under the deadly revolvers and quietly said:

"Gentlemen, this bank is closed for the day."

"Open the safe and vaults or I'll blow your brains out."

"I have a key to neither."

"You liar! Take that!"

The old man sank with a bullet in his brain, and the white faced cashier would have opened safe and vault with his own hands but for the arrival of assistance. A few citizens had gathered and killed one of the watchers and wounded another. This caused a stampede on the part of the desperadoes. They did not even grab the money packages in sight, but hastened to get away as fast as possible. John Fosdick had not drowned himself, but he lay dead. He had been discharged on account of old age and carelessness, but his speed and acumen had saved the First National bank from being cleaned out. He wondered what men would say of him after death. They said he was a hero. He had hoped men would have pity on his aged widow. When he had been laid away, the bank voted her a life pension, the citizens and the railroad company made up a public purse, and she went off for nothing the rest of her life.

## Changed Their Drinks.

"A number of years ago," said a temperance advocate, "the Rev. Thomas Colson was out west. He stopped off at a town which was the landing place of a large number of cowboys when they were off duty. These rough looking fellows, with revolvers strapped to their sides and wearing belts filled with cartridges, met Mr. Colson and asked him to take a drink. He declined at first, but they insisted, and he went along with them. When the party reached the saloon, the biggest of the three called out, 'What are you going to have?' The other two said, 'Whisky.'

"Give me whisky too," he said.

"What's yours?" he asked of Mr.

## A MIDNIGHT BURIAL.

## TRUE STORY OF THE FIRST MASONIC FUNERAL IN ARIZONA.

Owing to a Sequence of Peculiar Incidents the Ceremony Was Delayed and Was Not Completed Until the Sun Peeped Over the Hills.

The following true narrative of the first Masonic burial in Arizona, as related to me by my old friend, Colonel W. M. Williams of Cabo, Ills., will doubtless interest your readers. Write it, as nearly as possible, in his own words:

In 1890 I was in Arizona as superintendent of the St. Louis Mining company, located on the San Pedro river, a short distance west of what is now known as Tombstone and 40 miles east of Fort Buchanan.

On one occasion I made a visit to the Santa Rita mines, located in another part of the territory. These were managed by Cincinnati parties and were known as the Heintzelman mines. When I arrived there and introduced myself, as none of us had ever met before, I was greeted with that cordial hospitality known only to those who have lived on the frontier or in mining camps by Mr. H. C. Grosvenor of Cincinnati, the superintendent, with two others who occupied positions at the mines.

One of these, Mr. J. T. Mason, I found seriously indisposed; the other I sent to Fort Buchanan to bring Dr. J. B. D. Irwin, surgeon at the post. I then devoted my time to the sick man, who was growing more feeble, each hour. He told me if he died he wanted to be buried with Masonic honors.

I had "tried" him and found him to be a bright third degree Mason. I promised to do all I could to carry out his request. He died before morning, and the messenger sent for the doctor had not returned, and it was uncertain as to when, if ever, he might return.

As in those days there were not over 65 Americans in the territory outside of the troops, the taking of life by the Indians was daily expected. In this emergency it devolved upon me to arrange for the burial of our friend. I sent upon messengers to Tubac and other places where Americans were known to be to come to my aid.

During the day I selected a beautiful spot overshadowed by a large mesquite tree and there had a very deep grave dug, as in that country the coyote is a kind of brena, that will unearth any corpse if not laid deep in the ground. This work was done by ponies, while I stood guard to keep the Indians from surprising us.

By midnight the messengers I had sent out commenced returning with the few who could come with them. I found among those who arrived two or three Masons, who, like myself, were "rusty" in the Masonic burial ritual. We opened the trunk of the deceased, hoping to find something to guide us in fulfilling his last request. The only thing we discovered was an Episcopal ritual. The following persons composed the funeral cortege: Dr. C. B. Hughes, J. Howard Wells, W. L.

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"Never mind, John, never mind," she kept saying. "We have a few dollars ahead, and you are only 75 years old, and something good is sure to turn up. You have fought too long, to give up now."

But the weeks went by, and nothing turned up. The business world has very little use for an old man who has no capital. John Fudick's savings were gradually used up, the generosity of his few friends exhausted, and there came a day when the question of food and fuel became a serious one. He was not one to sponge or turn beggar. If the world would not let him earn a food, at least he would go out of it and hope that his going would open the hearts of men toward his widow. After pondering for an hour he started out with the firm intention of drowning himself in the river. It was a blustering November day, and as he passed the bank with bowed head, bent shoulders and well worn garments even those who had deprived him of his life felt a touch of sympathy. He was making for the suburbs and a highway bridge and wondering how long it would take to drown and what men would say of him when dead when he caught sight of men and horses clanking behind an abandoned factory. It was singular, bound on such a mission as he was, that he should have seen or wondered and speculated on why those men and horses were there, but he had scarcely passed the old factory when he suddenly turned about and ran for the business part of the town with speed that astonished himself.

In the vaults of the First National bank was a sum close upon \$300,000 deposited there temporarily by a railroad company. Outside the vault was a big safe containing \$25,000 more. It was a quiet afternoon, with few people

when they were on duty. These good-looking fellows, with revolvers strapped to their sides and wearing belts lined with cartridges, met Mr. Colson and asked him to take a drink. He declined at first, but they insisted, and he went along with them. When the party reached the saloon, the biggest of the three called out, "What are you going to have?" The other two said, "Whisky."

"Give me whisky, too," he said. "What's yours?" he asked to Mr. Colson.

"Water," Mr. Colson said. "Water, eh? evaluated the big fellow. "See here, stranger, you drink what the other cunts drink or I'll swing a few leads in your swash."

"He drew out his revolver and brandished it menacingly."

"You didn't dictate to these gentlemen what they should call for, did you?" said Mr. Colson.

"No." "Well, you can't dictate to me either. My drink is water. I always thought you would be too much of a gentleman. Dare to question a man's right to choose his own drink when he was your guest."

"Well, string me up if it ain't Tom Colson," exclaimed the man, who had recognized his boyhood friend. "He and Tom used to go to school together, fellows. Well, it ain't glad to see you, I want to apologize to you, Tom, for what I said, and I want to say to you, fellows, that you'll change your order and drink what Tom drinks or I'll smash the glasses."

**Horse Phrenology.** Horse phrenology is the latest discovery of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons of England. According to Harold Leeney, a member of the college, it is easy to tell a horse's character by the shape of his nose. If there is a gentle curve to the profile and at the same time the ears are pointed and sensitive, it is safe to bank on the animal as gentle and at the same time high spirited. If, on the other hand, the horse has a dent in the middle of his nose, it is equally safe to set him down as treacherous and vicious. The Roman nose horse is sure to be a good animal for hard work and safe to drive, but he is apt to be slow. A horse with a slight concavity in the profile will be scary and need coaxing. A horse that droops his ears is apt to be lazy as well as vicious—Farmers' Advocate.

**A Democratic King.** A story illustrating the democratic simplicity of King Oscar of Sweden and Norway is told in the Echo de Paris by M. Gaston Bonnier, the journalist. M. Bonnier was boatizing near Stockholm when he met a stranger similarly occupied. The two fraternized, and M. Bonnier suggested that they should lunch together at an inn. "No, come home and lunch with me instead," said the stranger, and he led the way to the palace and opened the gate. M. Bonnier was naturally astonished, but his new acquaintance was most apologetic. "I'm sorry," he said, "but I happen to be the king of this country, and this is the only place I've got to entertain anybody in." So they went in and lunched and talked botany together all the afternoon.

sent out commenced retreating with the few who could come with them. I found among those who arrived two or three Masons, who, like myself, were "rusty" in the Masonic burial ritual. We opened the trunk of the deceased, hoping to find something to guide us in fulfilling his last request. The only thing we discovered was an Episcopal ritual. The following persons composed the funeral cortege: Dr. C. B. Hughes, J. Howard Wells, William S. Curry, H. C. Grosvenor, Colonel Tires, S. Warner and myself.

We had determined to bury the body at night, in the darkness, having no light except a candle in one of the old time perforated tin lanterns by which I could read the service.

After lowering the body into the grave I commenced to read the service. I stood close to the head of the grave, and Mr. Howard Wells held the lantern behind me. A rustling sound was heard. It was supposed to come from lurking Indians, and every one looked out for himself. The man holding the lantern dropped it into the grave, and it fell in after it.

There I was with the corpse in a deep grave. I had my pistols and Sharps carbine with me, and I realized that if the Indians peered into the grave I could fill it with dead bodies. I listened. Not a sound was heard. My companions had, I suppose, secreted themselves and no doubt thought I had done the same.

After the lapse of about four hours day began to dawn, and as I stood upon the corpse no coffin were in use in Arizona at the time of this occurrence, the dead being simply wrapped in their blankets and cautiously looked over the brink of the grave to take in the surroundings.

I soon saw my comrades, one by one, emerging from behind rocks, where they had hastily secreted themselves, no one knowing where the others were. I called aloud for help and was soon assisted from the prison in which I had been confined for fully four hours, and as this is the first Masonic funeral that was ever held in Arizona I think it deserves a record.

After comparing notes we discovered that the mesquite tree under which we were holding our solemn service was the roosting place of a colony of crows, our intrusion having disturbed them and thereby causing us to stampede.

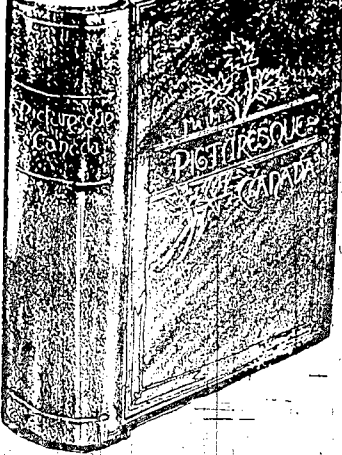
As the sun rose above the mountain tops we returned to the grave and completed the reading of the ritual and covered our friend with the cloths of the valley and left him sleeping where he will rest until the resurrection morn.—Evelyn B. Baldwin

**The World's Best.** "There is one thing I like about you," said the intimate friend, "and that is your lack of vanity. You don't pretend to be the greatest actor the world has ever seen."

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Hang golden to her knee;  
If I were king of Ireland,  
My queen she'd surely be.

Her eyes are fond forget-me-nots,  
And no such snow is seen  
Upon the heaving lawlorn bush  
As creeps her lilies green.  
The thrushes, when she's talking,  
Sit listening on the tree;  
If I were king of Ireland,  
My queen she'd surely be.

Her folk look more above for her;  
I know the darling better;  
So I've set down my love for her  
All in one secret letter.

And here's her answer back to me:  
My heart, my heart keep steady!  
If I were king of Ireland,  
I'm king—I'm king already.

—Alfred Perceval Graves in Cornhill.

## THE STORE DETECTIVE.

## At Times He Makes It Unpleasant For Others Than Thieves.

A young woman who sings in a church choir in this city, was in one of the department stores the other day when the detective employed there stepped beside her and, pointing to a woman with a long effer and a bag at an adjoining counter, said:

"Just watch that woman go."

The singer saw the woman take two articles from the counter when the shopgirl was not looking and drop them into her bag.

"Why, she is stealing!" she said.

"Yes," said the detective, "and if you will follow her to the next counter with me you will see her take more things."

The singer was interested, and she walked along with the detective. Two more articles were dropped in the bag, and then the detective arrested the shopgirl. She made the usual scene and protested her innocence. The detective asked the singer if she would step back to the office with him and corroborate his charges, and she went, unconscious of further trouble. There was no doubt as to the shopgirl's guilt. She came of a respectable family, and she convinced the singer that she took the articles not because she needed them or the money that they would bring, but because she had the shoplifting habit.

When these facts were settled, the detective thanked the singer for her assistance and told her that she might be in the police court at 9 o'clock on the following morning as a witness. It was the singer's turn to make a scene. She protested against being dragged into a police court and said that such notoriety would seriously injure her in her work. The detective insisted, and did the charge against the shopgirl not been withdrawn before the case reached the court the singer would have been one of the witnesses. She denounced the detective and the store which employed him for imposing on its patrons in that fashion, and she is going to make it her business hereafter to keep out of the way of store detectives. Had the singer been forced to go to court her punishment, in the consequent notoriety, would have been at

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It is the hope and desire of all parents that their children shall make some sort of a mark in the world when they grow up. They do not in the majority of cases expect that their offspring will become famous and make names that will live for ages, but they cherish the thought that they will be successful men and women in some profession or business. That is the keynote, that success shall be their portion.

Yet, it is a fact that most parents neglect or pay very little attention to one part of the child's education which is of the highest importance. They do not train the perceptive faculties.

Power of observation will help you more than anything else in your struggle for existence, and yet there are comparatively few people who are keen observers. One small fact will prove this latter statement. The man who observes everything, he who sees everything he looks at, is singled out either as an inquisitive person or a clever one, and this shows that he is an exception.

It is easy to give instances of this lack of perception even in the ordinary things of life. Some years ago an artist engaged in a London firm of printers had to draw an advertisement in which the central figure was a cock in the act of crowing. Nothing seemed easier, but when he set to work the artist found himself confronted by a difficulty—does the cock show its tongue prominently when it crows?

Every one of the hundred men employed by the firm had seen a cock crow scores of times, yet not one of them could answer the question. The artist had to go to a friend who kept fowls and chase the poor rooster round and round the yard until it crowed.

A schoolmaster, wishing to test the perception of his boys, asked them how many times they had seen a row of pictures of that animal and found, as he had expected, that all the boys had seen the creature more times than they could remember. Then he offered to give small prizes to the boys who could correctly answer the question. A few boys at once stepped forward and in front of or behind the class only two boys gained prizes, and their was guess work.

Now, sit down and test yourself in some such simple manner. You have all seen a hen sit on an egg. Can you describe how she does it? Does she get up on its feet first and then on its hind feet or does it land first, then get on its hind feet and finally on its forefeet?

The next time I do not confine your sight to the egg, but try to get a full view of the hen as she sits. Many of you will be surprised to find that you can

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### Items of Local Interest

Wm. Strong, manager of the Sultan, was in town Monday.

J. E. Wickham, of Keewatin, left on a six weeks trip to Toronto and other places in eastern Ontario, Monday evening. He will also visit New York and Newport News before he returns.

The architect in his design of the new post-office provided space in the tower, evidently for a clock. It is about time the government got the clock and filled the hole up and completed the job. We would hardly suggest that this be made an issue at the next election, but we commend it for consideration.

W. R. Russell late day operator at the depot, has been appointed agent at McLeod, N. W. T. He left last Friday.

Miss Sara Rigney and Miss Mabel Creighton are visiting friends in Winnipeg.

Miss E. Bowey is visiting friends in Winnipeg.

Joe Beaudro left for his camps on Tuesday.

Capt. Vic. Landree and Pete Goldthorpe left for Whitefish Saturday.

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pointers. Allyn Joe, the dog nearest in the foreground of the picture, is owned by Thos. Johnson, of Winnipeg, and has a remarkable record as a prize-winner. Bang III, in the rear, is now owned by J. L. Breese, of Long Island, N.Y., who purchased him from A. Code, of Winnipeg, at a price which is said to approach the thousand mark.

A number of Mrs. Murgatroyd's friends gave her quite a send off, in the form of a surprise party on Friday night. The evening was spent in music and dancing. Mrs. Murgatroyd and family leave in a few days for a visit among friends in Manitoba and thence to Cranbrook, C. N. P., where Mr. Murgatroyd is stationed.

Mr. Mulloy of cold wave storage fame and builder of the abattoir plant and cold storage buildings of the Gordon Ironsides and Fares Co., arrived from St. Paul Wednesday night.

Geo. Drewry arrived from Winnipeg Wednesday night.

The annual meeting of the Royal Jubilee Hospital will be held in the council chamber on the evening of Tuesday, March 5th, at 8 o'clock, when the report of the directors will be received. Elections to fill the positions of five retiring directors will take place and it is hoped there will be a good attendance.

A rich and extensive body of nickel ore has been struck at Bank's Falls. It is said to be equal, and perhaps superior, to anything in the Sudbury district. One hundred tons are being sent to Newark for testing purposes. If the tests are satisfactory a large smelter will be established at the Falls.

The Women's Auxiliary society of St. Alban's church, will hold a Congregational Tea and At Home in the basement of that church on Tuesday, the 17th inst., in aid of the Century Fund. This will be the last of the series of these pleasant occurrences until the Lenten season is over, and as everybody is welcome, it should be well attended. The teas in the evening and a silver collection will be taken.

The Port Arthur council is urging upon the C.P.R. Telegraph Co. for a reduction in telegraph rates.

The council of Port Arthur passed a resolution at its last meeting recommending that the game laws of the province be amended as to allow the hunting, taking or killing of deer, moose and caribou during October each year. This will be forwarded to the government, and also to other municipal councils in the district, asking for co-operation.

Recruiting for Baden-Powell's South African constabulary will commence at Winnipeg on Feb. 20th. Two or three young men in town have signified their intention of joining the force.

Bob Burrows left for his home in St. Catherine's Wednesday night. Bob made himself popular while here and will be missed by the young people in town.

The bachelors intend giving a dance to-night in the Opera House.

Mr. McLeod left Monday night with his gang of men to work at Port William for a couple of months.

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## THE DULL ENDS FATALLY.

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One-armed Frank Sullivan and William Randolph fought the bloodiest duel in the history of the international boundary at Rainy Lake City Friday. The top of Sullivan's head was blown off and he died instantly. Before he was killed he also received shots in the right side and the face.

Sullivan was a well-known gun-fighter, highwayman and desperado. The duel was the outcome of trouble between the men last summer, on the steamer Seagull on Rainy Lake. Randolph was master of the boat. Sullivan drew a revolver on Randolph, who is a young giant, because he would not run the boat where he (Sullivan) wanted him to. Randolph took the revolver away from him and gave him a severe beating. Sullivan then threatened to kill Randolph on sight. In the duel Randolph was badly wounded and may not survive. The Randolph family is prominent in Northern Minnesota and Ontario, being owners of steamboats and interested in gold mines. Sullivan has been suspected of several murders for money.

### The Rainy River Railroad.

The Rainy Lake and Seine River sections of the Ontario gold fields will be the center of great activity the coming summer. Since the work of constructing the Ontario & Rainy

siruction is now being rushed at the utmost speed. There are now or will be in a few weeks, a force of 4,000 men along the line between the Atikokan iron range and Rainy lake, a distance of 150 miles. This is the heaviest portion of the entire line, where much rock cutting is to be done. From the crossing of Rainy lake to that of the Rainy river, the line is through a timber country and it is comparatively easy work.

Along the first section camps are being built, and the right of way is being cut out. In addition to the rock-cutting and grading crews a large force is at work getting out about 500,000 ties and 300,000 feet of bridge timber required in the construction of the road. The Rainy river is the international boundary, and tenders are now being advertised for the building of a bridge over that river. The crossing of the northern arm of Rainy lake necessitates nearly two miles of bridge work, which doubtless will be the most costly part of the entire road.

The work of construction now in hand embraces 225 miles, and it is the intention of Messrs. McKenzie & Mann to have it all completed in readiness for the work of moving the Manitoba grain crop this fall.

The completion of this new railroad will mean much for northern Minnesota and the goldfields of Ontario.

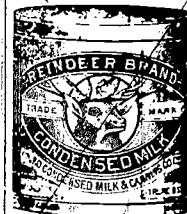
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P. King who is the pioneer prospector and owner of the property lately purchased by the Shores Syndicate of Ignace, is in town purchasing boats and supplies for the Sturgeon Lake route. He predicts a mining boom there this summer.

The Rainy River Agricultural society has been advised by the deputy minister of agriculture that it has been accepted as an agricultural society and it will receive the grant this year from the legislature.

To all admirers of good dogs this year's hanger sent out by Edward L. Drewry, of Winnipeg, will be a treasure. The subject of this excellent lithograph is prairie chicken shooting, which is thoroughly western and one of the grandest of sports. The original of the picture was painted by Mr. Otto Wix, under special commission from Mr. Drewry. It is a most realistic prairie scene and brings out with excellent effect, Canada's celebrated

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At the annual race meeting of the Montreal Skating Club on Saturday last G. Bellefeuille was beaten by two Montreals. The Canadian championship races take place at Montreal tomorrow.

E. F. Kendall has been confined to the house for a few days this week with gripple.

Mrs. W. Kendall left this week on a visit to friends in England.

Judge Chapple left Tuesday evening on a trip to eastern Ontario.

#### Colds that Hang On.

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#### GRANTS FOR NEW ONTARIO LINES.

Many Lines are Seeking Money From the Legislature.

The New Ontario railways are again to the front, and will be more in evidence shortly when efforts will be made to secure grants from the Legislature. Among the lines which will seek aid are the following:

Algoma Central, Railway, from Mis-sanabie northward towards James Bay.

Manitoulin and North Shore, connecting the Manitoulin Island with Sudbury on the mainland, some twelve miles of which was constructed last year.

Manitou, Wabigoon, and Minnetake Railway, from the Rainy River northward, crossing the C. P. R. at Wabigoon, east of Rat Portage, and reaching to Lake Minnetakie, and passing through a gold and agricultural region.

Niuegon, Railway, from Port Arthur or Niuegon Station northward to Lake Niuegon, and passing through the trout stream region.

Nipissing and James Bay Railway from North Bay northward to Lake Temiscaming.

Already 40 miles of the Algoma Central has been constructed and it is expected that this year the line will be completed to within 24 miles of Mis-sanabie.

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#### The Rainy River Railroad.

The Rainy Lake and Seine River sections of the Ontario gold fields will be the center of great activity the coming summer. Since the work of constructing the Ontario & Rainy River railroad began, the mining interests in that district have almost universally closed down awaiting the coming of the road, which will cheapen transportation rates and make the mines more accessible to investors.

The owners of the new road, Messrs. McKenzie & Mann, promised to have the road in operation from Port Arthur to Winnipeg by the fall of 1901. The work of construction, however, dragged the last two years, and it was believed it would require a greater time to witness its completion.

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